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The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("Department" or "DBEDT"), by and through its Director ("Director") in his capacity as the Energy Resources Coordinator, and through the undersigned Deputy Attorney General, hereby submits to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") its information requests to the following parties on their opening statements of position and proposals filed on February 25, 2009:

1. HECO Companies ("HECO")
2. Consumer Advocate ("CA")
3. Blue Planet Foundation ("Blue Planet")
4. Zero Emissions Leasing LLC ("Zero Emissions")

5. SOPOGY
6. Clean Energy Maui
7. Alexander & Baldwin/Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.
("HC&S")
8. Solar Alliance
9. Hawaii Solar Energy Association ("HSEA")

Information Requests to HECO & CA:

DBEDT-IR-1-HECO/CA: Ref.: Joint Proposal.

- (a) Please explain how the purchase power rates in HECO's planned PV Host Program will affect or be affected by the Feed-in Tariffs rates.
- (b) Please explain how HECO will determine the purchase power rates for its planned PV Host Program, and whether or not the method and/or data will be different from the determination of the FiTs rates.

DBEDT-IR-2-HECO/CA: Ref.: Joint Proposal, Page 6.

Please specify and describe the "complex financial accounting issues" relating to (1) type of fuel, (2) maturity of technology, (3) technology reliability, and (4) payment structure of purchased power contracts that have been addressed. Please explain how each of these "complex financial accounting issues" was addressed.

DBEDT-IR-3-HECO/CA: Ref.: Joint Proposal, Pages 6-7.

- (a) Please explain what the "capital lease obligations" relating to purchase power agreements mean, and please describe the financial impact on the utility.
- (b) In what Commission dockets is this issue being addressed?

DBEDT-IR-4-HECO/CA: Ref.: Joint Proposal (KEMA), Page 9.

Is it HECO's and CA's position that FiTs cannot effectively encourage and develop large dispatchable resources? Please explain.

DBEDT-IR-5-HECO/CA: Ref.: HECO Response to DBEDT-IR-8.

Please identify the "policies and processes" that may be implemented in this docket that HECO considers will be "final" and will not change without Commission approval.

Information Requests to Blue Planet

DBEDT-IR-1-Blue Planet: Ref. Exhibit A, page 10.

Please explain how the limits of "25% and 50% of peak demand" proposed for wind and photovoltaic generating facilities, respectively, were derived. Please provide the workpapers and other information used in the determination of these limits.

Information Request to Zero Emissions:

DBEDT-IR-1-Zero Emissions: Ref. Proposal for Feed-in Tariff, Pages 4-8.

Please provide all the workpapers and data used to determine the proposed feed-in tariff rates in the referenced pages.

Information Request to SOPOGY:

DBEDT-IR-1-SOPOGY: Ref. Schedule FIT, Pages 6-10.

Please provide all the workpapers and data used to determine the proposed feed-in tariff rates in the referenced pages.

Information Requests to Clean Energy Maui:

DBEDT-IR-1-Clean Energy Maui: Ref. Schedule FIT, Pages 4-8.

Please provide all the workpapers and data used to determine the proposed feed-in tariff rates in the referenced pages.

DBEDT-IR-2-Clean Energy Maui: Ref.: SOP, Page 4.

Please explain what is meant by "ratepayers will save the subsidy cost to ratepayers of renewable energy certificates (RECs) under RPS".

Information Request to HC&S:

DBEDT-IR-1-HC&S: Ref. Schedule FIT, Pages 4-9.

Please provide all the workpapers and data used to determine the proposed feed-in tariff rates in the referenced pages.

Information Request to Solar Alliance:

DBEDT-IR-1-Solar Alliance: Ref. Schedule FIT, Pages 4-9.


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Information Request to HSEA:

DBEDT-IR-1-HSEA: Ref. Schedule FIT, Pages 4-9.

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DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, March 4, 2009.



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Information Requests to the Parties on their Opening Statements of Position in PUC Docket Number 2008-0273, by electronic transmission on the date of signature to each of the parties listed below.

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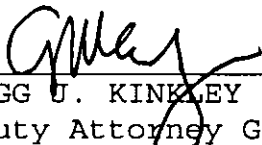
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